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November 19. Secretary Riley will host "Schools as Safe Havens: Discipline, Safety and Truancy Prevention."

Coming to you via satellite from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., this teleconference features a panel of educators and juvenile justice officials from around the country who are creating community-wide partnerships to reduce truancy, including:

- Dr. Kelly F. Blanton, superintendent of Kern County Schools, Bakersfield, CA.
- Linda Hyler Harrill, president and state director of Communities in Schools, North Carolina.
- Janet Ransom, supervisor of the Truancy Intervention Project in the Fulton County Juvenile Center, Atlanta, GA.
- Diane McCarthy, president of Western Maricopa Coalition/Save Kids Partnership, Glendale, AZ.

Topics include: involving parents in truancy prevention and school discipline; making sure students at risk are actively engaged in learning; ensuring students face consistent sanctions for truancy or disciplinary problems; and involving law enforcement and social services in truancy prevention.

How You Can Join the Meeting

You can participate in the Satellite Town Meeting by calling during the live teleconference and asking your questions of the Secretary and the panel.

Your local cable access station might broadcast the town meetings if you ask them

to, or you can organize your own downlink site on the night of the program. Local PBS member stations, schools, community colleges and universities, and cable access stations are often willing to serve as downlink sites. Just gather a group of interested community members and join.

Coordinates

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- Audio subcarriers: 6.2 (Spanish) 6.8 (English)

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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From The White House

■ (WASHINGTON) The President welcomed the formation of a Special Advisory Committee to the Secretary of State on Religious Freedom Abroad. This "Advisory Committee," established by Secretary of State Christopher and chaired by Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor John Shattuck, will call attention to problems of religious persecution abroad. It is also expected to provide advice on how to bring about reconciliation in those areas where religious enmity is a threat to peace.

The Administration has embarked on this initiative because of its commitment to helping people of all faiths live free of the threat of persecution. As a nation founded by men and women who sought refuge from religious persecution, our country continues to serve as a model for the world of freedom of belief and harmonious relations among different faiths.

Because of this heritage, the United States has led the way in championing religious rights around the world. Close to fifty years ago, under the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt, the United States delegation to the United Nations saw to it that the "right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion" was written into the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Yet today, in many places around the world this right is not honored. Religious persecution is suffered by many religious groups who are singled out for punishment or discrimination because of their religion.

The establishment of the Advisory Committee, which is composed of representatives of the largest American religious groups, together with academic leaders and members of religious groups that have suffered persecution abroad, carries forward the commitment of the United States to advance religious freedom, help those suffering under repression, support the forces of tolerance and advance reconciliation among the many communities of faith.

"When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him."

*Swift
Thoughts on Various Subjects, 1711*

